

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification by substituting the following paragraph for paragraph 307:

[0307] Figure 22 shows an alignment of the mRNA sequences of BDCA-2 and mouse Dectin-2 with the positions of the deduced introns being indicated. Table 3 shows the parameters of the exons.

Table 3

Exon	mRNA	amino acid residues encoded	Number of amino acid residues encoded
0	0-361		0
1	362-522	1-10	10
2	523-615	11-41	31
3	616-726	42-78	37
4	727-872	78-127	49
5	873-988	128-166	39
6	989-1283	167-213	47